Consumer Price Index

835. SHRI SANJAY RAUT: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Consumer Price Index number for different centres including Mumbai with 2001 as the base year has been released by the Labour Bureau;

(b) if so, the principles on which the linking factor for conversion of the new index series into 1982 series has been worked out; and

(c) whether the charge made by employers about the inflated linking factor has been critically examined by the Labour Bureau?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI OSCAR FERNANDES): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The linking factors have been worked out as per the methodology approved by the Technical Advisory Committee on Statistics of Prices and Cost of Living (TAC on SPCL) by using arithmetic conversion method, which are the ratios of the average monthly Consumer Price Indices for Industrial Workers with base 1982=100 to that of base 2001=100 for the latest 12 months (January 2005 to December 2005), preceeding January 2006; the month of introduction of new series.

(c) The Linking Factors worked out and released alongwith the index for conversion of new series indices on base 2001=100 and were thoroughly examined to ensure that these calculations were in accordance with methodology approved by the TAC on SPCL.

Salary limit for ESI coverage

†836. MISS ANUSUIYA UIKEY:
SHRI RUDRA NARAYAN PANY:

Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the limit of maximum salary upto which employees are covered under ESI;

(b) the number of employees covered by ESI presently;

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.